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THEREFOR

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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-80777, published March 31, 1998 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 3-501185, published March 14, 1991 (with English abstract).
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-109708, published April 11, 2003 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2-132783, published May 22, 1990 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 60-50079, published November 6, 1985 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for those indicated as previously submitted.

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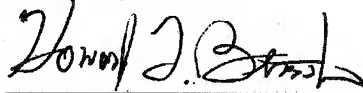
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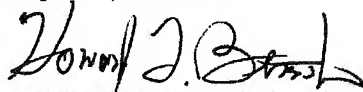
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